

IC 20-12-28

Chapter 28. Indiana University: State Geologist

IC 20-12-28-0.5

Definitions

Sec. 0.5. (a) The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(b) "Department" refers to the department of natural resources created by IC 14-9-1-1.

(c) "Survey" refers to the Indiana geological survey established as a part of the university by this chapter.

(d) "Trustees" refers to the board of trustees of Indiana University established by IC 20-12-23-2.

(e) "University" refers to Indiana University.

As added by P.L.151-1993, SEC.19. Amended by P.L.1-1995, SEC.68.

IC 20-12-28-1

State geologist; faculty member; selection; duties

Sec. 1. (a) The state geologist, while holding the office of state geologist, shall be regarded as a member of the faculty of the university. The state geologist may be appointed to a full-time or part-time position on the faculty of the university.

(b) The state geologist shall be chosen by the university. The state geologist shall serve for an indefinite period at the pleasure of the university.

(c) The state geologist shall direct the collection and archiving of rock, mineral, soil, and other geologic samples. These samples shall be retained, as considered proper by the state geologist, at the university.

(Formerly: Acts 1861(ss), c.48, s.3.) As amended by P.L.151-1993, SEC.20.

IC 20-12-28-2

Geological survey; establishment; direction and control

Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana geological survey is established as a part of the university.

(b) The head of the survey is the state geologist.

(c) The survey is under the direction and control of the trustees to:

- (1) continue the geological and scientific survey of Indiana;
- (2) continue the work of discovering, developing, and preserving the mineral, energy, and ground water resources of Indiana; and
- (3) have charge of the state geological sample collection.

As added by P.L.151-1993, SEC.21. Amended by P.L.161-1996, SEC.1.

IC 20-12-28-3

Geological survey; purpose

Sec. 3. (a) The survey shall do the following:

- (1) Provide geologic information about the energy, mineral, and ground water resources and geologic related hazards of Indiana.
 - (2) Provide services that include:
 - (A) the archiving of rock cores, well cuttings, other subsurface geologic information, and other physical and chemical data on geologic materials; and
 - (B) the collection and storage of data.
 - (3) Provide public service, information, and educational programs.
 - (4) Engage in research.
 - (5) Participate in cooperative studies and contractual projects with the department and other agencies of state and federal government.
 - (6) Participate in cooperative studies and contractual projects with universities.
 - (7) Disseminate published maps and reports.
- (b) The survey may also do the following through contractual agreements:
- (1) Provide the department with information on the geologic occurrence of ground water and the vulnerability of this resource to contamination.
 - (2) Provide to the department and other state agencies geologic information needed for the effective regulation of the mineral, water, and energy resources of Indiana.
 - (3) At the request of the department, perform geotechnical investigations for a variety of mine reclamation programs.
 - (4) Provide general geotechnical consultation and assistance as may be needed from time to time.

As added by P.L.151-1993, SEC.22.

IC 20-12-28-4

Advisory council; members; duties

Sec. 4. (a) The president of the university may appoint a geological survey advisory council.

(b) The council, when appointed, shall consist of nine (9) or more persons who shall be selected with regard to their experience and knowledge concerning the public needs or enterprises served by the geological survey.

(c) The president of the university shall specify the length of the term for which members of the council are appointed.

(d) Each member of the council who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(e) The advisory council shall meet with the state geologist from time to time, at the call of the state geologist, to make recommendations concerning:

- (1) the functions and performance of the survey; and
- (2) the appropriation and funding of the survey.

(f) Recommendations made by the council may also concern the effectiveness and efficiency of the survey and other matters.

(g) Recommendations and reports of the council shall be directed to the following:

- (1) The governor.
- (2) The budget agency.
- (3) The president of the university.
- (4) The director of the department.

As added by P.L.151-1993, SEC.23.

IC 20-12-28-5

Enforcement of laws

Sec. 5. The state geologist and the university shall confer from time to time with the director of the department concerning the enforcement of laws that address conservation issues and the development of natural resources.

As added by P.L.151-1993, SEC.24.

IC 20-12-28-6

Appropriations to support operation of survey; liability for costs; satisfaction of claims

Sec. 6. (a) Appropriations to support the operations of the survey shall be made to Indiana University by separate line item.

(b) It is intended that the trustees and the university shall not be responsible for the expenses and cost of operating and maintaining the survey except as the appropriations and the income generated by contracts and other operations of the survey shall suffice. If at any time the trustees determine that it is no longer feasible for the survey to be a part of the university, the director of the department and the governor shall be advised as promptly as possible so that the state may make other arrangements to fulfill the mission of the survey.

(c) The state, and not the trustees or the department, shall defend against and be liable to satisfy claims against the survey arising from the performance by the survey of the powers and duties set forth in section 3 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.151-1993, SEC.25.